

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of January 11, 2008 is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16 and 28-30 in view of the prior art. However, in items 9 and 10 on page 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner also indicated that dependent claims 31-34 contain allowable subject matter. As a result, the claims have now been amended as discussed below.

Independent claim 1 has now been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 31, and claim 31 has been cancelled. Furthermore, independent claim 9 has now been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 33, and claim 33 has been cancelled. Therefore, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter as noted above, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 9, as well as the claims that depend therefrom, are now clearly patentable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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